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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 176 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/55/711 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 58th, 59th, 67th and 68th meetings, on 7, 8 and 25 May 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.58, 59, 67 and 68).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/874).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.80

4. At the 68th meeting, on 25 May, the representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on the item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea" (A/C.5/55/L.80).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.80 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[1]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, regarding the establishment of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1344 (2001) of 15 March 2001,

Recalling its resolutions 55/237 of 23 December 2000 and 55/252 of 12 April 2001 on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, in particular those paragraphs regarding the peacekeeping budgetary cycles, which should be adhered to in the future budgeting process, where possible;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 30 April 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 127.8 million United States dollars, representing some 81 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 10 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

6. *Expresses concern* at the delay, in general, experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa, and notes with satisfaction the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph

[1] A/55/874.

24 of its report,[2] regarding the quick and efficient deployment of the Mission's military contingents;

7. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

10. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in paragraph 10 (b) of the report of the Advisory Committee;[1]

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the earliest possible time on how the concept of operations affects and can justify the proposed structure of the Mission, including the senior staff component;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

14. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 90 million dollars gross (88,933,450 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and decides to appropriate the amount of 5,444,104 dollars gross (4,777,737 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 568,706 dollars gross (510,695 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base representing the prorated share of the Mission in the support account and Logistics Base requirements for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 37,500,000 dollars gross (37,055,604 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 15 September 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000 and adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

16. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 A (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 444,396 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 15 September 2001;

17. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 52,500,000 dollars gross (51,877,846 dollars net) for the period from 16 September

[2] A/55/688/Add.1.

to 31 December 2001, at a monthly rate of 15 million dollars gross (14,822,242 dollars net), in accordance with paragraph 15 above, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 15 September 2001;

18. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 A (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 622,154 approved for the Mission for the period from 16 September to 31 December 2001;

19. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 5,444,104 dollars gross (4,777,737 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 568,706 dollars gross (510,695 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, in accordance with paragraph 15 of the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2001 and 2002, as set out in General Assembly resolution 55/5 B, the scale of assessments for the year 2001 to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 2,722,052 dollars gross (2,388,869 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 284,353 dollars gross (255,348 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and the scale of assessments for the year 2002 to be applied against the balance, that is, 2,722,052 dollars gross (2,388,868 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 284,353 dollars gross (255,347 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002;

20. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 A (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 666,367 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 58,011 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base approved for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, 333,184 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 29,006 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base being amounts pertaining to the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 and the balance, that is, 333,183 dollars for the support account peacekeeping operations and 29,005 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base, pertaining to the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".